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What One County Is Doing by the Power of Public Opinion to Save Crops.

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In former communications from this office, stress has been laid upon the power of public opinion in the mobilization of men of farm experience in towns and cities adjacent to agricultural regions for farm work at periods of seasonal strain.

The point has been made that on account of war activities and industrial demand, there is not enough labor seeking employment to supply the farmers with their needs at certain times, and, therefore, in order to cultivate and harvest the crops now planting, it will be necessary for much man power to be spared from the towns and the cities.

Here is the way it is done in Kingfisher County, Oklahoma. Proper realization of community responsibility and proper exercise of public opinion will solve this problem.

Elarmer Dusley

Assistant Secretary
of Agriculture.

FOLLOW YOUR FLAG TO THE FURROWS.

MEN AND CITY BOYS! Put Your Brawn and Muscle Behind Uncle Sam by Helping Local Farmers Produce Food for the Fighters of Our Nation and the Allies.

HIGH-SCHOOL BOYS can render real war service by spending their coming vacations on the farms. Hard work—but beats any gymnasium in turning a boy into a husky man.

WOMEN! GIRLS! Help the farms harvest, grade, and pack fruit and berries and vegetables. Help the farm housewife in her important tasks.

WOMEN can relieve their men engaged in lighter tasks in office, store, or factory, so that their brawn and muscle can help farmers at critical seasons perform heavy work of getting a bumper food crop.

Helping a Farmer is Helping to Hold That Line in France.

Men of Towns Will Help Farm

Kingfisher County Has Drafted All Its Men and Will Call Them to Work in the Fields Whenever Needed

OWING TO THE acute labor shortage, warning is given that no foreign labor for harvest can be expected for Kingfisher county farmers and it therefore becomes necessary that a survey of available labor for assistance in the coming harvest be immediately made.

The council of defense has undertaken the task of making this survey and of providing the necessary extra farm labor during harvest, from the available men in the cities and towns of the county. It is neither expected nor proposed to supply the extra help from the idle men of the towns, but the business and professional man, the store clerk and men and boys whose services can be spared from any and

ing the harvest season, all male residents of the cities and towns of Kingfisher county, between the ages of 15 and 60 years, are drafted and will be expected to hold themselves in readiness to perform farm labor during harvest, unless they shall have been exempted under some of the following classifications:

Exemption will be allowed to:

1. Physicians.
2. Members federal draft board.
3. Mail carriers and necessary postal employees.
4. Necessary mechanics and repair men in shops and garages.
5. Railway and express company employees.
6. Employees of cities or towns, on certificate showing their necessity, by the executive officer of the city or town.
7. Necessary employees of ice plants, mills, elevators and wholesale distributors of oil and gas.
8. Necessary dray and transfer men.
9. Physical disability.
10. One man in each place of business, whose place cannot be supplied by women.
11. Other personal exemptions in cases of emergency, on showing to the local committee or draft board.

Registration cards will be provided and the local committees for the several towns and cities in the county, will during the month of March, provide for a complete registration of all men and boys, residents of the towns or cities in the county. After the cards have been signed, the local committee of the draft board will exempt all who are properly entitled to exemptions, and make lists of those not exempted, and this list will be published in the newspapers of the local town or city in order that the farmers and public in general may know the names of those available for the 10 day service during harvest.

From the posted and published lists of available men and boys, the farmers are requested to make their selections and also to make their contracts for service.

Lists of the available men for 10 days service on the farms during harvest will also be kept posted in the various banks of the county, and those farmers who have neglected to make their selections, may by phone, letter or otherwise, request their local bank to select harvest hands for them from the list of available men, who have not already been contracted for.

The wages will be fixed by the contracting parties, but it is suggested that the farmers pay the current harvest wages.

The committees for the various towns and cities, who are to make the farm labor survey of their towns and to secure the registration of the available men for the harvest employment, and also to pass on all exemption claims are as follows:

Hennessey: Floyd Felt, chairman; M. A. McBethell; W. E. Gulker.
Cashlon: A. J. Garnett, chairman; S. W. Hogan; Melville Carter.
Dover: C. B. Sherwood, chairman; D. A. Northup; G. W. Miller.
Kingfisher: E. D. Brownlee, chairman; F. Borelli; R. C. Shiflett.

By order of the county council of defense.

G. L. Bowman, Chairman.

For the purpose of performing at least 10 days service on the farm dur-

